

STAGE 4.5

JULY 4TH - JULY 31ST

Elkhart County will remain in Stage 4 through July 31
K-12 school preparations for the 2020-21 academic year should continue

GUIDELINES FOR ALL HOOSIERS

- Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should adhere to social distancing guidelines and remain cautious at work and in their communities
- Continue remote work as needed
- Face coverings are highly recommended
- Social gatherings of up to 250 people may take place following the CDC social distancing guidelines. The coronavirus is often spread among groups of people who are in close contact in a confined space for an extended period of time. This limit applies to wedding receptions, parties, and other events where people are in close physical contact for extended periods of time, particularly in indoor locations
- Outdoor visitation has resumed at assisted living facilities and nursing homes, in accordance with ISDH visitation guidelines
- Indoor nursing home and assisted living facilities must have a plan for indoor visitation
- Hospital visitations encouraged with precautions

STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS THAT CONTINUE

- State government building access available by appointment. State employees are required to wear masks in public areas, with exceptions
- Dining room food service may operate at up to 75% capacity as long as social distancing is observed
- Bar seating in restaurants may operate at 50% capacity as long as social distancing is observed
- Bars and nightclubs may operate at 50% capacity adhering to social distancing guidelines
- Cultural, entertainment, and tourism sites may operate at 50% capacity. This includes museums, zoos, aquariums, and like facilities
- Movie theaters, bowling alleys, and similar facilities may operate at 50% capacity, adhering to social distancing guidelines
- Raceways may operate at 50% grandstand capacity
- Venues may operate at a 50% capacity with adherence to social distancing guidelines

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STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS THAT CONTINUE

- Amusement parks, water parks, and like facilities may operate at 50% capacity; reservations are encouraged to limit the number of customers at any one time
- Personal services continue operations with restrictions
- Gyms, fitness centers and other workout facilities continue operations with restrictions

WHAT OPENS IN STAGE 4.5

- K-12 school operations may begin the 2020-21 academic year on July 1; extra-curricular, co-curricular activities may resume July 6
- Pari-mutuel horse racing and county and state fair racing may begin with 50% spectator capacity
- Youth overnight camps may open. See guidance
- Fairs, festivals and other similar outdoor events may open and conventions may resume. Updated requirements for gatherings and events are below

REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTS

SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS ARE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 250 ATTENDEES

- A “social gathering” or meeting is an event, assembly, or convening that brings together multiple people, individually or from separate households, in a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time and in a coordinated fashion where a significant purpose is to interact with others — like a wedding, family reunion, party, barbecue, picnic, club, banquet, or conference.
- Social gatherings and meetings are limited to no more than 250 people.

SPECIAL OR SEASONAL EVENTS

- A special or seasonal event is an event, assembly, or convening of multiple people from separate households in a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time but where the significant purpose is not necessarily for the purpose of individuals interacting with others outside of one's household – like weekly summer concerts or movies-in-the-park, fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, graduation ceremonies, community holiday celebrations, conventions, fundraisers, sport or racing competitions, outdoor shows, and other outdoor entertainment events.
- Special or Seasonal Events scheduled to occur on or after July 23, 2020, and where the total attendance will be in excess of 250 individuals (according to capacity limits in Stages 4 and 4.5), must have an event plan approved by local health officials before proceeding.

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OTHER EVENTS NOT COVERED

- This guidance does not apply to, school classrooms; areas where people may be in transit such as an airport; settings in which people are in the same general space at the same time but doing separate activities, like medical offices, hospitals, or business environments such as offices, internal meetings solely among employees of a single business, retail stores, and restaurants where people may be working, shopping, or eating in the same general area but are not gathering together in an organized fashion. Religious services are excluded. The activities of these events are subject to separate requirements and guidance.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The more people an individual interacts with at an event and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading
- Additionally, the higher the level of community transmission in the area that the gathering or event is being held, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreading
- COVID-19 transmission may occur more easily indoors than outdoors
- Health Departments and event organizers should continue to assess, based on current conditions, whether to significantly reduce the number of attendees for gatherings, or even postpone or cancel the event
- Per the CDC, the highest risk events are large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area

EVENT PLANS

The following requirements apply to special or seasonal events where there will be more than 250 people in total attendance, and where the event is scheduled to occur on or after July 23, 2020:

- a. Event organizers must develop and submit to the local health department a written plan outlining the steps to be taken to mitigate against COVID-19. Each plan must address the following issues:
 - Capacity Limits - outline steps that will be taken to ensure the overall capacity does not exceed allowable limits set out in Stage 4 or 4.5 and social distancing can be achieved. For example, outdoor concert venues are limited to 50% of capacity. Event organizers should consider whether to stagger or cap attendance, limit the number of people present at any given time, issue tickets with staggered start times, limit attendance duration
 - Guest Information - provide appropriate information to guests to stay home if sick or part of a vulnerable population, engage in social distancing, increase handwashing, etc. Use signage and other tools to make guests aware of COVID precautions

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- **Staff & Volunteer Screening** – identify measures that will be taken to appropriately screen staff and volunteers for COVID-19 symptoms. Use questionnaires, take temperatures, or both
 - **Social Distancing Measures** – identify measures that will be employed to ensure attendees engage in social distancing such as one-way flow of attendees, ground markings, seat markings, etc. Allow space for seating between vehicles
 - **Increased Sanitation** – provide steps that will be taken to ensure the event space is appropriately cleaned and sanitized, that high touch areas have increased cleaning; and additional handwashing or hand sanitizing is available. Examples are no food samples, drink refill stations or communal condiment areas; touchless payment; water fountains used to refill bottles only; increase ventilation
 - **Face Coverings** – face coverings are highly recommended, if not required by the event organizer
 - **Compliance** – identify event staff or volunteers who will monitor and ensure compliance with the approved plan. Examples: Use staff to direct the flow of attendees, have a COVID-19 point of contact for all staff/volunteers
- b. **Monitoring & Enforcement** – event planners must have sufficient event staff or volunteers present during the event to monitor and ensure compliance with the approved plan and other Executive Order directives.
- c. **Plan Submission Timeline** –
- For events scheduled to occur between July 23 & 26, 2020, plans must be submitted as soon as practicable but at least 72 hours in advance
 - For events occurring on or after July 27, 2020, plans must be submitted at least 7 days in advance of the event
- d. Local health departments must review and approve or disapprove event plans.

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ELKHART COUNTY WILL REMAIN IN STAGE 4 THROUGH JULY 31

Please note the roadmap is subject to change based on CDC guidance and other new information.

All Hoosiers	65 and older and high-risk citizens remain cautious and social distance	Remote work as needed	Face coverings highly recommended	Social gatherings permitted up to 250 people	No travel restrictions
Manufacturing, Industrial, Construction	Open; must meet IOSHA, CDC guidelines				
State, County & Local Government	State offices open by appointment. State employees are required to wear masks in indoor public areas, with exceptions	Screen employees daily	Provisions for employees to maintain social distancing	County and local governments determine their policies	Public libraries may reopen according to their own policies
Professional Office Settings	In-office work at full capacity	Screen employees working in offices daily	Make provisions for employees to maintain social distancing		
Retail, Malls, Commercial Businesses	May operate at full capacity; maintain social distancing	Screen employees daily	Recommend employees and customers wear cloth face coverings	Consult industry best practices; provide and post your COVID-19 safety plan	
Healthcare	Outdoor visitation opportunities resumed July 4 at assisted living facilities and nursing homes	Plans are required for indoor nursing home and assisted living visitation	Day services for adults with disabilities may operate; other congregate settings remain closed	Hospital visitations encouraged with precautions	
Restaurants, Bars with Restaurant Services	Dining room service may operate at up to 75% capacity as long as social distancing observed	Bar seating may operate at 50% capacity; social distancing required	Use tools to screen employees daily; employees must wear face coverings	Consult Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association best practices	

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<p>Bars & Nightclubs</p>	<p>May operate at 50% capacity; social distancing practices must be observed</p>	<p>Use tools to screen employees daily; employees must wear face coverings</p>	<p>Consult industry best practices</p>	<p>Provide employees and customers with your COVID-19 safety plan</p>	
<p>Personal Services (Hair, Nails, etc.)</p>	<p>Appointments preferred</p>	<p>Work stations spaced to meet social distancing guidelines</p>	<p>Use tools to screen employees daily</p>	<p>Employees must wear face coverings; customers must wear face coverings to the extent possible</p>	<p>Provide and post your COVID-19 safety plan</p>
<p>Gyms, Fitness Centers, & Similar Facilities</p>	<p>Operate with restrictions; see guidance</p>	<p>Screen employees daily; employees must wear face coverings</p>	<p>Class sizes or equipment must be spaced to accommodate social distancing</p>	<p>Equipment must be cleaned after each use</p>	<p>Limit class sizes</p>
<p>Cultural, Entertainment, Sports Venues, Amusement & Water Parks, Tourism Sites</p>	<p>Cultural, tourism facilities such as museums, aquariums may operate at 50% capacity</p> <p>Racing, karting may operate at 50% spectator capacity</p>	<p>Venues such as concert and event spaces may operate at 50% capacity</p> <p>Many arts, venues and cultural organizations have prepared reopening guides. Examples may be found at links in the Back On Track plan</p>	<p>Amusement parks, water parks, etc., may operate at 50% capacity; reservations encouraged</p> <p>Conventions may resume following the Gatherings and Events guidelines in Executive Order 20-36</p>	<p>Charity gaming, casinos opened June 15 with approval of Indiana Gaming Commission</p> <p>Fairs, festivals and similar events may resume according to provisions of Executive Order 20-36</p>	<p>Pari-mutuel horse racing and county and state fair racing may operate with 50% spectator capacity</p> <p>Movie theaters, bowling alleys, similar facilities may operate at 50% capacity</p> <p>Requirements for events with more than 250 attendees may be found on page 24</p>
<p>Playgrounds, Outdoor Courts, Recreational Sports, Youth Training Facilities</p>	<p>Non-contact community recreational sports games, leagues, and tournaments resumed on June 12</p>	<p>Contact community recreational sports games, leagues, and tournaments resumed June 19. Must adhere to Executive Order 20-32</p>	<p>Playgrounds open; wash hands and use sanitizer frequently</p>		
<p>Other</p>	<p>Campgrounds may operate with restrictions</p>	<p>Boating allowed; must follow social gathering guidelines</p>	<p>K-12 school operations may begin the 2020-21 academic year on July 1; extracurricular, co-curricular activities may resume July 6</p>	<p>Visitors to beaches and shorelines must adhere to social gathering and social distancing guidelines</p>	